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The Honorable Gerald M. Bailey, Commissioner
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
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Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489

Re: Clovis Watson, follow up

Dear Commissioner Bailey:

To follow up my letter to you of October 17, 2009 regarding Clovis Watson, I herewith submit a copy of an application for special risk membership he signed on October 20, 2008 and submitted to the Florida Retirement System. I obtained this document from the record of the DMS proceedings pertaining to Clovis Watson's FRS status that was concluded by the order I sent you in my October 17 letter.

I provide you this new document because Watson represented himself in it as a "Law Enforcement Officer certified, or required to be certified" on the date he signed the application. Watson signed and submitted this application *after* your letter of July 18, 2007 had directed him to cure his dual-office violation and *after* the Alachua Police Chief's letter of September 7, 2007 had sent you a sworn affidavit attesting that Watson had been separated from employment as a police officer. (Copies of these two documents are enclosed.) Alachua apparently did this to comply with your directions and to satisfy the requirements of §943.139 Fla. Stat.

In the meantime Watson has continued to serve full time as Alachua's city manager. (He announced his intention to retire as of this month, but whether his retirement is yet effective, I do not know.) Watson's sworn statement that "I am a Law Enforcement Officer" was a false statement, though not sworn. In any event,

the purpose was to obtain retirement benefits to which he was not entitled and to do so by falsifying his status.

Watson's false application augments the evidence you now possess that shows that Watson and the City of Alachua made repeated attempts to defraud the FRS and Florida taxpayers of thousands of dollars based upon false representations. This strengthens the argument that criminal charges against him and perhaps other Alachua officials would be in order, and certainly strengthens the case that FDLE should take action to assure that Watson never again be certified as a Florida law enforcement officer.

Please contact me if you have questions or require other information that I may be able to supply.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures (3)

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